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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING MORE TIME AND RESOURCES TO FINALIZE
TRAINING STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Standards Board (hereinafter "Board") was established on July 1, 2018, and tasked with providing programs and standards for training and certification of law enforcement officers¹; and

WHEREAS, the fifteen (15) members of the Board serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Board include:

1. Establishing minimum standards for employment as a law enforcement officer and to certify persons to be qualified as law enforcement officers;
2. Consulting and cooperating with the counties, agencies of the State, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges, and other institutions concerning the development of law enforcement officer training schools and programs of criminal justice instruction; and
3. Establishing minimum criminal justice curriculum requirements for basic, specialized, and in-service courses and programs for schools operated by or for the State or a county for the specific purpose of training law enforcement officers; and
4. Establishing and maintaining law enforcement training programs through agencies and institutions deemed appropriate by the Board; and
5. Establishing procedures and criteria for the revocation of certification issued by the Board
6. Investigating law enforcement officers believed to not meet the minimum standards of employment; and
7. Establishing criteria and standards for reapplying for certification by those who have been denied certification, whose certification has been revoked by the Board, or whose certification has lapsed; and
8. Establishing and requiring participation in continuing education programs for law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, the Board should review the study by the Legislative Reference Bureau that examined consolidating law enforcement activities and responsibilities of various state divisions and agencies under a single, centralized state enforcement division or agency.² That study examined, "Operational, administrative, financial, personnel, legal, and other issues associated

¹ Act 220 (2018), H.B. No. 2071. Attached as Exhibit A.

² Act 124 (2018), S.B. No. 2909. Attached as Exhibit B.

with consolidation,” and was due no later than twenty days prior to convening of the 2019 Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to study the effect of uniform standards and certification for all state and county law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board must determine the impact on collective bargaining rights of minimum standards for employment for law enforcement officers, procedures for revocation of certification and reapplying for certification, and required participation in continuing education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board should evaluate existing training facilities and resources to effectively establish and maintain law enforcement training programs; and

WHEREAS, no one is employed as an administrator or otherwise for the Board to carry out its duties; and

WHEREAS, the final standards and certification process is due on July 1, 2019, and one year is insufficient time to complete all that the Board was tasked to do; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Law Enforcement Standards Board that more time and resources are requested to permit the Board to finalize training standards and certification of law enforcement officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the House of Representatives and Senate, Thirtieth Legislature, 2020, State of Hawaii.